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- 1. The headquarters of the Northwest illitary Area and the headquarters of the 1 Field Army have recently been moved from Sian to Lanchow. Henceforth, Lanchow will be the military center of the Northwest Area and Sian the political. This change was made in order to establish a rear headquarters base for the entire Chinese Communist Army in the event of a third world war. Lenchow is ideal for this purpose. Many military construction projects are now being pushed there.
- CHANG Tsung-sun (能床壁), first deputy commander, 1 Field Army, and YEN K'uel-yao (閻操宴), chief of staff, will command the Northwest Military Area。 HSI Chung-hsum (智 仲 款 ) remains as political commissar.

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